

Guidance

This chart was developed by the Department of Health & Human Services (the state Medicaid agency) in November 2009 to help Medicaid recipients understand the different ways they can access medically necessary physical, occupational & speech/language therapies.

For adults in the MR/RD Waiver, these therapies have been authorized by service coordinators with the funding source typically identified as MR/RD Waiver. Effective January 1, 2010 PT, OT or SPT are no longer considered waiver services.

In order for adults in the MR/RD Waiver to access PT, OT or SPT, the service must be medically necessary, and be “short term and goal oriented to improve function for effective change through clinical skills & services.” You may contact your service coordinator for more information.

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Program Area	Prior Authorization Requirement	Coverage Authority	Setting	Limitations	DHHS Contact	Policy Manual Reference
Hospital Services	Physician Ordered	Medicaid State Plan	Inpatient Hospital Outpatient Hospital	No Limitations	Zenovia Vaughan, Director Division of Hospital Services 803-898-2665 vaughnZ@scdhhs.gov	http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/internet/pdf/manuals/Hospital/SECTION 2.pdf
School Based Services	Physician Ordered Licensed Practitioners of the Healing Arts (LPHA) Referral & Evaluation Referral and evaluation Individual Education Plan (IEP)	Medicaid State Plan	School	Under 21 years of age 1 hour per day during school hours	Diane McLeod, Manager Department of Medical Support Services 803-898-2655 mcleodd@scdhhs.gov	http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/dhhsnew/BAndDSchoolBasedFAQ.asp
Private Rehabilitation Therapy	Physician Ordered Licensed Practitioners of the Healing Arts (LPHA) Referral & Evaluation Individual Treatment Plan (ITP) Individual under 21 with a current and valid ITP for services	Medicaid State Plan	Home Clinic Therapist Office	Under 21 years of age 75 hours per SFY 1 hour per day	Diane McLeod, Manager Department of Medical Support Services 803-898-2655 mcleodd@scdhhs.gov	http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/dhhsnew/insideDHHS/Bureaus/BureauofRehabilitativeandMedicalSupportServices/PrivateRehabilitativeTherapyAudiologicalServices/servicedescription.asp

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Home Health Services	Physician Ordered	Medicaid State Plan <i>(Most of the Medicaid benefit mirror the Medicare benefit)</i>	Home	75 visits per SFY <i>(Limit is inclusive of all home health disciplines)</i> Homebound Required	Brenda Hyleman, Director Division of Community and Facility Services 803-898-2687 hyleman@scdhhs.gov	http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/internet/pdf/manuals/HOME EALTH/SECTION 2.pdf
Nursing Facility Services	Physician Ordered	Medicaid State Plan	Nursing Facility	No Limitations	Nicole Mitchell Threatt Department Head 803-898-2689 mitcheln@scdhhs.gov	http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/ProviderManualsAll.asp?pType=Nursing
Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HSCI) Waiver	Physician Ordered Service Coordinator	1915(c) home and community-based waiver	Home School Inpatient Hospital Outpatient Hospital Clinic Therapist Office	Cannot duplicate any other State Plan Service	Anita Atwood HASCI Waiver Administrator Division of Community Options 803-898-4641 atwood@scdhhs.gov	http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/internet/pdf/manuals/cltc/section%202.pdf
Physician Services	Physician Ordered	Medicaid State Plan	Inpatient Hospital Outpatient Hospital	Over 21 years of age Following an inpatient hospital stay, therapy continues on an outpatient basis As a direct result of outpatient surgery To avoid an inpatient hospital admission	Valeria Williams, Director Division of Physician Services 803-898-2660 willval@scdhhs.gov	http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/Physicians.asp?ID=33&pType=Physicians